

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application. This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2008. Claims 16-22 and 24-30 are pending. Claim 31 is withdrawn from consideration. Claims 16-22 and 24-30 are rejected.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner submits claim 31 is drawn to a patentably distinct species and Applicants have constructively elected prosecution of claims 16-22 and 24-30. The Examiner has therefore withdrawn claim 31 from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants affirm election of claims 16-22 and 24-30 and have cancelled claim 31.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24-28 and 30 under 35 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matayabas, et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0128521, hereinafter "Matayabas") and further in view of Pelrine (U.S. Patent No. 6,809,462, hereinafter "Pelrine '462"), and Pelrine (U.S. Patent No. 6,707,236, hereinafter "Pelrine '236"), and claims 18, 21 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matayabas, Pelrine '462 and Pelrine '236 and

further in view of Takeuchi (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0122242, hereinafter "Takeuchi").

Matayabas is not prior art to the present application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) and MPEP § 2146. Matayabas and the present application were, at the time the invention was made, both subject to an obligation of assignment to Intel Corporation, the assignee of record for both the present application and Matayabas.

Applicants further note that the present application is a divisional application and claims priority to U.S. Application No. 10/062,255, filed January 31, 2002. Thus, Matayabas only qualifies as prior art under § 102(e).

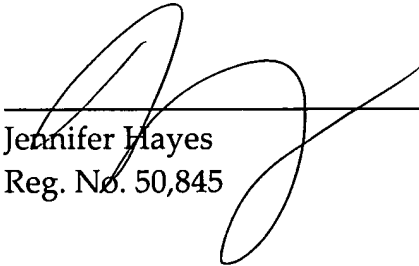
Because all of the claims are rejected under Matayabas in combination with another reference; all of the claims are, therefore, patentable. Applicants, accordingly, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Jennifer Hayes at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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